

**The following was received by e-mail for inclusion in the magazine.**

We have been informed of the following scam, which is targeting females in particular.

They received a phone call from the Post Office asking them to confirm their company postcode. When this is given, they are told that they have become eligible for some gift vouchers for their cooperation and are asked to provide their home address and postcode in order to receive vouchers.

So far 90% of the women who have provided this information have been burgled as it is assumed that their homes are empty during office hours. The police are aware of this scam and the Post Office has confirmed that they are NOT conducting postcode surveys.

Also, it has been reported that if you receive a telephone call from an individual who identifies himself/herself as being an AT & T Service Technician who was conducting a test on that telephone line, or anyone else who asks you to do the following – **don't**.

They will state that to complete the test the recipient should touch nine, zero, the hash (90) and then hang up.

This gives full access to your phone line, which allows them to place a long distance international or chat-line calls billed to your account. The information which the police have, suggests that many of these calls are emanating from local prisons.

The information has been checked out by the police and is correct  
**DO NOT PRESS 90 FOR ANYONE.**

Would anyone reading this please pass the information on to colleagues, friends, etc. otherwise it could cost someone a lot of money.

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**Please Note – Change of Address.**

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